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News Briefs

By Andrew Klusman

GM reconsiders Opel sale

In a turnaround in the Opel saga, General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson is reportedly considering alternatives to the sale of Opel, GM's largest European brand. GM's board angered the German government last Friday after postponing a decision on whether to sell Opel to Magna, an Austrian-Canadian parts manufacturer. Because of its development center near Frankfurt, Opel remains important to GM operations, because it is there all G mid-range car platforms have been developed. In addition to that, German engineers saw a large role in the development and design of the Chevy Volt, the electric car by GM. Opel has also benefited from the German "cash for clunkers" automobile stimulus program, which has boosted auto sales for this year. Opel workers are said to be considering demonstrating in front of the US Embassy in Berlin this weekend, if no decision is made on Opel's future soon.

Teen becomes youngest to sail world solo

A 17 year old British teenager has become the youngest person to sail around the globe alone, after spending nine months at sea. The teenager, named Mike Perham, sailed 24,000 miles and arrived home on Thursday. Perham started sailing at the age of seven, and was the youngest person to sail across the Atlantic Ocean in 2007 at age 14. Poor weather caused him to travel through the Panama Canal, as opposed to sailing around Cape Horn. The previous youngest person to sail the world was Zac Sunderland, an American, but Guinness World Records does not recognize his effort. And although less than 250 have sailed the globe solo, Perham's record could be in jeopardy, if a 13 year old Dutch girl convinces a court to let her set sail.

Weather

Friday	Partly Cloudy Hi 76 / Lo 52
Saturday	Mostly Sunny Hi 69 / Lo 48
Sunday	Mostly Sunny Hi 71 / Lo 48

(For Stuttgart, Germany)

Letter to the freshmen from President Matt Branam

Hey, Rose-Hulman has a new president this year. Who is this guy? Well...it's me. So, welcome freshmen. We are new here together.

Okay, I confess – I've been here before – Class of 1979. A glance back at my own freshman class reminds me that each new class just gets better and better. After years and years of constant improvement in the quality of students entering Rose-Hulman, I think that most in my class could not have even kept up with you, Class of 2013. You should know that in the 30 years since I was here as a student, Rose-Hulman has transformed from a really good engineering school into the best engineering school in the country that gives only the baccalaureate and master degrees for eleven years in a row!

I know that you know about the #1 thing, but do you know why? Mostly, it is because of the people who work here; the people who have dedicated their lives to educating people like you and me, for 135 years. The faculty here are good, really good. They are well-educated, of course. But the key to your success is that, at Rose-Hulman, they actually teach. In most schools, the professors do so many other things, like research, that they end up hiring assistants to teach for them. You won't see that here at Rose-Hulman. You are going to be taught by the "real deal". So do me a favor, remember that when you are in their class and on campus. Drain their brains every chance you get, because you only get them for four years, unless you decide to go for a master's degree. These are also the people whose names and faces you are going to remember for the rest of your lives. They are going to teach you what you need to know to launch your career in engineering, mathematics or science. So, show some respect, and you will get it back at you, lots of it.

There are more people who work at Rose-Hulman who do not teach in the classroom than there are who do. We refer to them loosely as staff, but they fill all kinds of roles. I am one, as an example. You will find that these are some of the most helpful people you will meet in your lifetime. So far, they have been mailing you all that information that turned you onto Rose-Hulman and made you realize that this is the place for you. They will get you into the right classroom, they will make sure it is clean, dry, well-lit and well-appointed; they will help you schedule your classes so that you are sure to graduate on time; they will help you with your finances, your room, your computer, your exercise equipment, your parking, your security, your snow removal, your Greek life, your personal life, your night life and your future life. Someday, they are going to keep you in touch with your ole' college buddies, and they are going to help you contribute some of your professional success toward helping the classes who will follow you through Rose-Hulman. This is what they do, and they do it for you. So get to know them. You will have friends here at Rose-Hulman for the rest of your life.

Math, science and engineering are probably the reasons that you came to Rose-Hulman. But those aren't the only reasons that we are here. We aim to teach you leadership too. In the real world, leaders are people who other people follow. We think you are worth following. But we have learned that leadership is a skill, not a personality trait. And we want you to be equipped and ready when opportunity comes knocking. Take a hint from a guy from the Class of 1979; learn leadership.

We also want you to understand how teams work. For you to be successful, you have to be comfortable and effective in a team. I spoke to an alumnus last week, Class of 1983, who has three teams placed around the world so that the development of his product can follow the sun around the Earth and proceed non-stop, 24 hours a day. Now that is taking teamwork to a whole new level! Are you ready for that? Better get that way before you graduate.

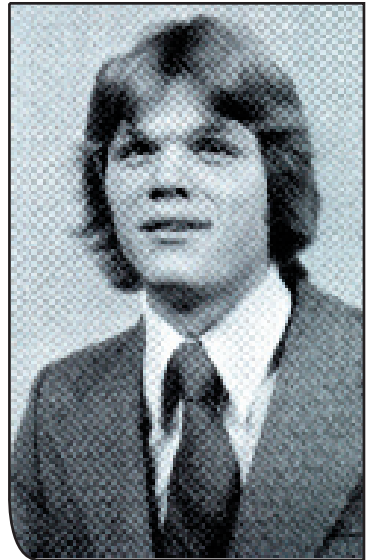
We think communication is the foundation for innovation. Whether you will one day seek venture capital, deal in intellectual property, close a big equipment deal, explain a patent, ask for a promotion, a raise or a date, your ability to communicate is going to be your key. Learn to do it well and practice it every day of your life – for the rest of your life.

We are proud of our heritage at Rose-Hulman. Our graduates live and work all over the world; you touch their inventions and their products every day. You have found your tribe, and it is us. We are engineers – Fightin' Engineers! We are mathematicians and scientists; we are lawyers and doctors and inventors and constructors and researchers; we are college professors and Army generals, we are CEOs, CFOs, COOs, CTOs— and if there are really any UFOs, we will probably be the ones to track them down. We are citizens of the world. And we invite you to join us.

Your tribe is culturally and globally aware. We take the time and nurture the interest required to understand other cultural perspectives and social systems. We cultivate our ethical judgment and weigh our alternatives carefully before we act. And we serve our communities and our country with distinction. During your time here at Rose-Hulman, you will be blessed with hundreds of opportunities to make yourself into a citizen of the world. Check out the co-curricular activities – the clubs, the sports, the arts and the life. Sign up! What are you waiting for?

Above all else – listen up – take yourself seriously. You are among the best and brightest in the country that runs the world at a time when anything is possible. You have gained entry to the one of the best colleges the world has ever known. You are surrounded by success in the making. Live to live it. Be careful; be smart; be a Fightin' Engineer.

Matt Branam
President



Matt Branam

President Branam in his 1976 freshman photo at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

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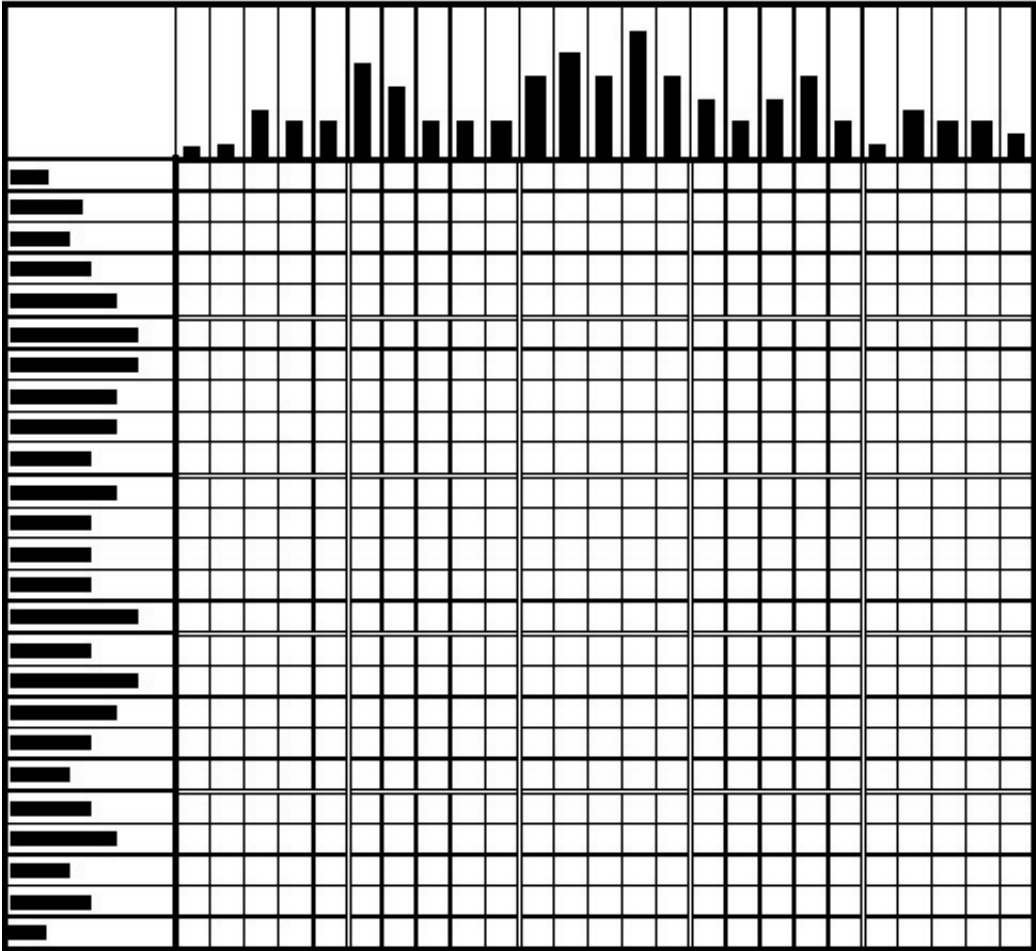
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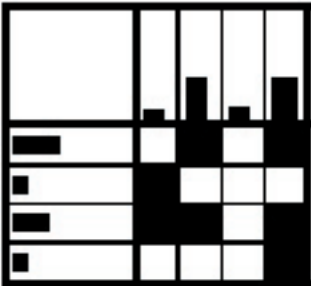
Hanjie

By Melissa Brumbaugh



Instructions:
Try to draw the picture in the grid. Each row and column contains the number of shaded squares.

An example Hanjie puzzle can be found to the right.



Find the answers to all Rose Thorn puzzles at:
<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/thorn>

The Magic Number

By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:
Using addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x), and division (/), solve the puzzle by using all the given numbers only once to equal the Magic Number.

3 6 30 38 76

___ * ___ / ___ - ___ + ___ = 126

3 5 71 72 82

___ * ___ + ___ - ___ + ___ = 374

5 12 30 79 91

___ * ___ + ___ - ___ * ___ = 56

4 5 10 55 95

___ * ___ + ___ / ___ + ___ = 317

6 10 19 29 93

___ * ___ - ___ - ___ - ___ = 876

10 15 52 76 85

___ + ___ * ___ + ___ - ___ = 931

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Things to do with your food

Noel Spurgeon
News Editor

Food is one of those things we just can't live without. As convenient (and fun) as it would be to live on a Mountain Dew IV drip, you're going to have to eat eventually. The ARA does a pretty good job of feeding you on the weekdays, but Saturday and Sunday night, you're on your own. Don't think that your only options are eating out or scrounging through the vending machines, though; there are some pretty easy (and tasty) ways to feed yourself on the weekend for almost zero effort and not a lot of cash.

Special Ramen: You will need: Brick-style ramen (your choice in flavor, but I'm a big fan of chicken), an egg, some

frozen vegetables (also your choice), and some of those salt and pepper packets you can 'borrow' from fast food eateries.

Prep: Follow the directions on the package, but when you put the noodles in, crack 1 egg into the pot and stir it with the noodles. After a minute or two, put the frozen vegetables in, and cook until the vegetables are no longer frozen and the egg is no longer raw. Season to taste.

Ultimate Leftovers: You will need: Leftover protein, cut into small pieces (chicken snagged from the ARA will do), leftover veggies (or frozen veggies, if you don't have leftovers), rice, soy sauce, and rooster sauce. Rooster sauce, aka. Sriracha chili sauce, is a fantastic thing

to have in your dorm. Also, it's dirt cheap. Go buy some.

Prep: Cook the rice and frozen vegetables according to package directions. Mix them together with your leftovers, and throw them in the microwave until everything is nice and hot. Season with rooster sauce and soy sauce to taste. This usually works best with meat/tofu/vegetables that don't already have a strong flavor of their own, but leftover taco fillings can be pretty delicious like this.

Easy Leftover Breakfast: You will need: Leftover rice (white or brown), milk, and maple syrup. The tiny syrups they give you at Cracker Barrel work great for this.

Prep: This one sounds weird, but it's actually delicious. Put

the rice in a bowl, and add just enough milk to cover. If you like your pseudo-oatmeal hot, throw it in the microwave for about 30 seconds. Add maple syrup to taste, and enjoy.

Barbeque Meatballs: You will need: Frozen Italian-style meatballs (get the cheapest ones you can), a bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce, and some tiny pretzel sticks.

Prep: This is so easy that it's not even funny. Toss the entire bag of meatballs in a saucepan, and cover with the BBQ sauce. Cook for 20-25 minutes on medium heat, stirring occasionally so your delicious meal doesn't adhere itself to the pan. Spear the meatballs with the tiny pretzel sticks to lift them out of the pot and eat them. Also, the leftovers make great meatball subs the next day.

Nickelback's "Dark Horse" review

Ben Collins
Entertainment Editor

It feels wrong sometimes to bash on Nickelback for not being creative; the same thing can be said about AC/DC, but the only difference is they at least make awesome music. Still, giving it the old college try, I picked up "Dark Horse" and had hoped that it at least on par with "All the Right Reasons."

"Something in Your Mouth," the first song on the album, se-

verely deterred me from pressing on through the album for a long, long time. This was a song that represented everything I truly despise about Nickelback's lyrical style; simply put, it is trash that gains appeal by being constantly sexual. It's not even being prudish, the style simply shows a level of immaturity that is agonizing to listen to, especially when I've heard it all before. While not being completely fair, Nickelback has stuck to their standard formulaic song writing, lyrical and musically;

the chords are fat and loud but, for the most part, they have lost their shimmer since their major success and abundant air time of "Photograph" and their other pop-culture classics.

Ranting aside, the album has roughly four songs that I will listen to and not hate myself for listening. "Gotta Be Somebody" is at the top of that list with "If Today was Your Last Day" and "Burn it to the Ground," but the rest of the album falls over the cliff of mediocrity into the depths of hell.

How to: Avoid the freshman fifteen

Melissa Schwenk
Staff Writer

Every year it happens. Slender freshman girls and fit freshman boys come to college and by the end of the year, their figures aren't quite what they used to be. Fried food from the ARA, frequent Taco Bell Runs (TBRs), and late nights and weekends filled with high calorie beverages wreak havoc on bodies previously under a mother's care. Here are a few easy ways to help avoid the dreaded "Freshman Fifteen."

First, maintain the healthy eating habits your parents tried to instill in you. It can be tempting to get a hamburger and fries for lunch and dinner

every day at the ARA but this is not only bad for your waistline but also for your health. Try to have some fruit at every meal and limit the fried food to one or two times a week. Load up on raw vegetables and skip the soda, opting for water, milk or juice. Most importantly, just because no one limits how much dessert you have doesn't mean you should end each meal with cookies or ice cream. When you eat healthily, you'll not only look better, you'll feel better too.

Another way to avoid gaining those extra pounds is to manage your stress. While it is tempting to join every club during your first weeks, it is better to be devoted to a few things than to dabble in everything.

Don't schedule every minute of your day with meetings and study groups. Before each new week begins, take time to relax and recharge, especially if you've been staying out and up late. Do something you like just because you're young and you can. This will help you avoid stress-eating. Sitting down with a pint of Ben & Jerry's might seem like a good idea but unless you're splitting it with three friends, put the ice cream back in the freezer.

Lastly, make sure you stay physically active. Find a work out buddy and go to the gym a couple days each week. If you have questions about the equipment, ask the Sports and Recreation Center staff. That's what they're there for. Strength training and cardio are equally important when trying to stay fit. If you don't like running or using the elliptical machine, try intramurals. Intramurals are a great way to meet people in your dorm, try a new sport, and make a complete and utter fool of yourself. Don't worry, everyone looks that ridiculous.

No one wants to wake up one day spring quarter and realize their bikini body leaves something to be desired. Instead of trying to fix the damage later, take steps now to prevent it. Remember, feeling good is the most important part to looking good.

If you have something you want explained, send your questions to the Rose Thorn at thorn@rose-hulman.edu. You just might see a how-to article

A student is holding a large sign that says "I'LL PAY YOU BACK LATER'ER." Below the student is a Fifth Third Bank advertisement. The ad features the text "DON'T BE THAT GUY." and "Be smart with your money. Sign up for a Student Checking account with Fifth Third Bank today. You could win a \$10,000 scholarship or one of ten \$1,000 scholarships." The Fifth Third Bank logo is also present, along with the tagline "The things we do for dreams." and the website "53.com/student/s". At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: "No purchase necessary. One entry per household. Odds of winning depend upon the number of entries received. See Financial Center for complete rules and details. Fifth Third Bank, Member FDIC."

A recruitment poster for "The Rose Thorn". At the top, it says "Join us on the Journey!". Below this, there are several horizontal bars of varying lengths, some of which are blacked out. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo featuring a stylized red rose and a black cross. To the right of the logo, there are more blacked out bars.

A recruitment poster for "The Rose Thorn". At the top, it says "Watch movies?". Below this, there are several questions in a list: "Read books?", "Ask questions?", "Are you funny?", "Like cool people?", "Have opinions?", "Know someone funny?", "Listen to music?", "Like free pizza?", "Take pictures?", "Good at writing?", "Nosy?", "Suck at writing?", "Enjoy graphic design?", "Like sports?". At the bottom, it says "THE ROSE THORN" in large letters, followed by "Join the team!" and "Meetings every Wed. 5:15 pm - 0157".

Welcome to Terre Haute, One of the Happiest Places on Earth*
*assuming a certain level of insanity

A Quick Introduction to Rose-Hulman

The Stuff That's Important (Like Where to Get Cheap Food)

James Zhou

Could he be serious?

Hello incoming Freshman! Before your heads get filled up with useless trivia like how to use your laptops or when classes start each day, let me fill you in on the more important aspects of being a Rose-Hulman student.



We get our cheap chinese food at First Wok, located straight up the Wabash Ave (turn right when you leave campus) in Kroger plaza. Sure, they were closed down during the summer for health code violations, but it was only for a week and they're open again.



We hate Purdue. Despite the fact that some of our faculty and alumni went there. Remember, hatred has no use for reason or logic, so just hate away and ignore the protests.

We make fun of the Civil Engineers. Why? Well, they get to play outside while the rest of us become pale and pasty from hours of class and lectures. Plus, they learn about concrete, which is obviously less interesting than lasers or flesh-eating bacteria, unless there's about 50 tons of it above your head right now. (Don't look.)



We will occasionally throw people into the lake. This is known as laking. This should not be done during winter. This should be done to your RA. To properly lake someone, make sure to remove all of their electronics before hand. This step may take awhile, as this campus is populated with nerds who love technology. In fact, we're all such huge nerds that we have a webcam set up to take regular images of the lake, allowing you to record your laking attempts.



We like fire. It will be your job to build a bonfire so large and amazingly dangerous that fire departments from around the county will swarm to our campus during Homecoming and all planes must be routed away from a 50-mile radius. Last year, we started the inferno with a couple gallons of gasoline and some fireworks, but we'll expect more from you guys. (Hint: flamethrowers are legal in the USA and you can build one fairly easily. from stuff in the work-shops.)



Did you know that hangovers are caused by the tiny amounts of methanol in commercial booze and that if you spike your punch with 200 proof molecular biology grade EtOH there's no hangover at all? But, seriously, don't drink so much that you barf all over the place and pass out. That's disgusting and greatly lowers the chance of you ever hooking up.



We play video games, alot. Mostly because there really isn't much else to do. Better brush up on your joystick skills, n00b.



We think that all Rose girls look like this. So will you, once you've been here for more than a month and the Rose googles have permanently fused to your eyeballs. COMPOUNDING BEER AND ROSE GOOGLES IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

Wacky prof quotes

"I don't know what the world record is for having a big slider"
— Dr. Moloney, who may have a big slider. They do not pay me enough to verify that claim.

"We're going to study the oscillatory behavior of the wallaby."
— Dr. Al. Holder, wildlife worrier.

"I thought I might make an extra credit question asking why you would drop a watermelon in a hot tub but then I decided I didn't want to see some of those answers"
—Dr. Thomas, who is wise man who knows his audience.

"If you use files, your teeth will go bad"
— Dr. Stienstra, of the rotfang conspiracy.

"Most people live in the silica based world."
— Dr. Morris. Some people live in the silicone world.

"We're in a curvilinear coordinate system."
— Dr. Artigue, out of this universe

"Who is brave enough to answer my question?"
-Dr. Bagheri-Tar. So, afraid yet, freshman?

Stressed?

Let These Student Qoutes Alleviate Your Fears!

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My class got to brew our own beer for a project!

I'm half-asleep during my early classes and I still got good grades.

OMG, that prof is cute!

There's tons of free stuff at every career fair.

Seriously, do not microwave an egg. Bad idea.

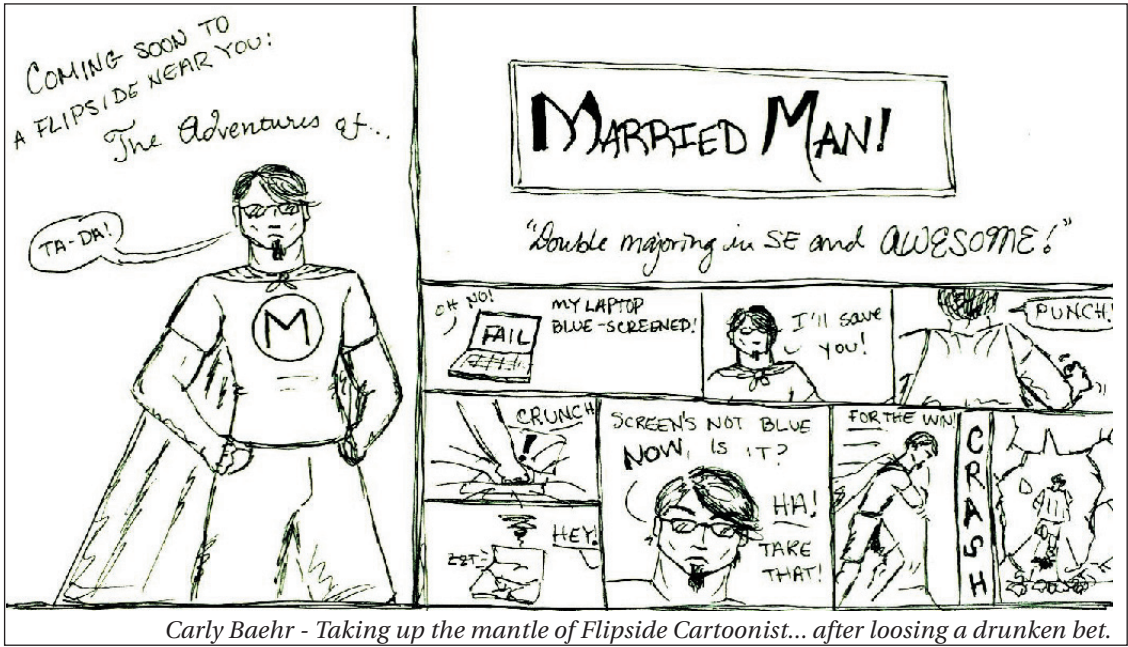
We get free ice cream before finals week.

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Top “10” Ten Top Ten Differences Between Rose and High School

Matt Melton
Super Senior

10. You no longer have a curfew, a bedtime, or some time that you have to go home at night by!
9. You will no longer have any free time, so that loss of a curfew, or bedtime, or time to be home by doesn't really matter anyways...
8. Your siblings are now replaced by roommates. They won't bug you nearly as much, but you can not keep them in line using punches either.
7. Six hours of sleep is officially considered a great and full night of sleep. This may not take effect for you until next year, but it will. Sleep deprivation will be your bestest friend ever!
6. The standard girl-to-guy ratio just plummeted from 1 to 1 to 1 to 4. Turns out that's bad for both sexes...
5. Good old-fashioned home cooking is out, but the all-you-can-eat buffet know as the ARA (short for Aramark) is in. Be careful not to eat dessert for every meal. The freshmen fifteen can become the freshmen fifty really easily...
4. The new favorite mottos are "DePauw sucks," "RHIT stands for rich husbands in training," and, a favorite of the girls, "The odds are good, but the goods are odd." All three are so very true.
3. You actually have to study now. No really, you do. A lot. If you already did, you have to study a lot more. Yeah, it sucks. But it's ok: you'll have help.
2. With only 100 or so girls in your class, word spreads amongst them like wildfire. So don't be "That guy" (you know what I mean) to one of them, because then you're "that guy" to all of them. Seriously, don't test that. I mean instantly.
1. We still have all the different types of people you meet in high school-the jocks, the drama queens, the super dorks, etc.- but deep down inside, we're ALL nerds. Whether it's Star Trek, World of Warcraft, Halo 2, D & D, DDR, or something, we're all a little nerdy one way or another. Welcome to your new home. You're going to like it here.



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